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Upcoming Prairie Walk at Harmony Arboretum



A prairie walk will be held on **Wednesday, August 15, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** to learn more about our native prairie ecosystems and the plants and animals that live there. It's a beautiful time of year for prairie plants and many are in bloom. Led by Northern Lights Master Gardeners / native plant enthusiasts Linda Warren and Adrian Konell, you'll see a great variety of native prairie plants. Wear good walking shoes and insect repellent is recommended.

For information about these programs and more, see the Harmony Arboretum Calendar on page 8, or call the Land & Water Conservation office at 715-732-7780, or visit www.marinettecounty.com. The Harmony Arboretum is located 7 miles west of Marinette, ½ mile south of State Highway 64 on County Road E. It's open to the public year-round and free!

13th Annual Sand Lake Conservation Camp Again a Success

by Anne Bartels, Information & Education Specialist, LWCD



Marinette, WI – The 13th annual Sand Lake Conservation Camp held at Camp Bird near Crivitz was again a success this year, with 65 campers - representing 21 Wisconsin and 2 Upper Michigan Counties - and 18 dedicated overnight camp staff. This event is for youth going into 6-8th grade in the fall and is organized by the Marinette County Land & Water Conservation Division (LWCD). Conservation Camp provides positive educational outdoor experiences, fosters an appreciation for nature, and introduces a variety of natural resources and conservation career opportunities to youth.

Core topics presented by Marinette County staff included aquatic macroinvertebrates, reptiles & amphibians, and water pollution/conservation. Evening presentations were given by Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Biologist Chip Long and Conservation Wardens Tim Werner and Dale Rombach. They spoke about their careers, educational backgrounds, and tools they use in their jobs. Kim Diedrich and staff from the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary (BBWS) in Green Bay brought several native Wisconsin animals and discussed wildlife rehabilitation & conservation issues. All-camp cabin competitions included a campfire building contest, a scavenger hunt, and "Conservation Jeopardy", a culmination activity designed to cover information from the presenters and programs.



BBWS staffer Nathan with Dory, a striped skunk

Other available 'camper's choice' activities included wilderness survival skills, canoeing, archery, t-shirt design, outdoor first aid, spinner making, nature crafts, and teambuilding & low - ropes challenge course activities. Choice activities were presented by Marinette County camp staff and guest speakers. Other presenters included Danielle Wagner from the Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve in Suamico for kayaking; Richard and Maryann Clark of Clark's Willowtree Fur of

Coleman for trapping; and Marla Sutton from Vernon County for outdoor first aid. Timber Wolf Information Network volunteers presented a session on wolf ecology, and staff from the Raptor Education Group, Inc. taught sessions on raptor species & rehabilitation. The Bay Area Mounted Search & Rescue (BAMSAR) returned for sessions about how they help local law enforcement with wilderness missing person searches, event crowd control, and security. Campers learned about what volunteers do, training required, and equipment used in their duties. New this year was a session called "Fishing Basics", led by WDNR interns in the "Fishing in the Neighborhood" program based out of Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary (below).



Camper scholarships were provided this year by individual donors and organizations, including Glacierland RC&D and the Groundwater Guardians of Calumet County; Marinette County Chapter of Trout Unlimited; Phoenix Falls Chapter of Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association; and the Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association. In addition, Land & Water Conservation Departments in Oconto, Ozaukee, Sauk, and Washington Counties joined Marinette County in providing scholarships. Sponsors' and donors' dedication to youth programs like this camp is much appreciated. Thank you to everyone who helped with Sand Lake Conservation Camp 2018 and for making it another successful event!



Campers build a teepee fire for the campfire-building competition – the first cabin whose fire burns through a string and sends a flag up the post wins!

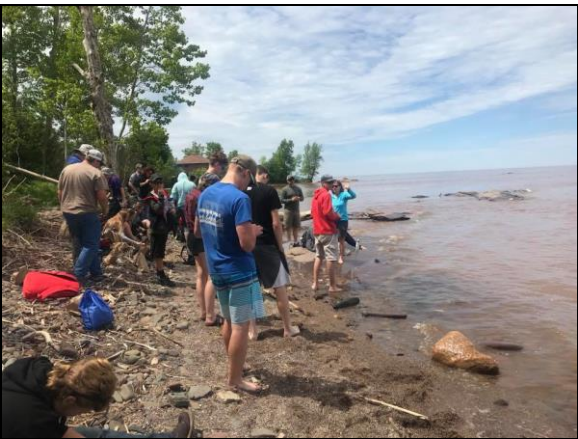
For more information about Sand Lake Conservation Camp, please visit www.marinettecounty.com or contact Anne Bartels, Information & Education Specialist, at 715-732-7784 or abartels@marinettecounty.com. Tentative dates for 2019 are June 19-21.

WI Land+Water Conservation Association Hosts State Youth Conservation Camp

By Kim Warkentin, WI Land + Water



This year's WI Land+Water State Youth Conservation Camp was held June 18-22, 2018 in Manitowish Waters at the North Lakeland Discovery Center for students entering 9-12th grades. Over 25 students from across the state and Upper Peninsula attended the week long camp and had a wonderful time learning about conservation stewardship and having fun. We also had returning campers and graduates from Sand Lake Conservation Camp (previous page).



Campers kicked off the week with a canoe and t-rescue lesson, team building exercises and a hike around the North Lakeland Discovery Center learning about native plants, exploring the bogs and participating in a Wood Turtle survey. Other fun activities included a visit to the Ottawa Forest Visitor Center, a hike to The Lake of the Clouds in the Porcupine Mountains, and free time scouting for rocks on the shores of Lake Superior and Presque Isle State Park. Later that night campers had the opportunity to make jewelry with their rocks from Lake Superior.

Campers got some hands on experience learning about bird banding and the ecology of the Powell Marsh, followed by a tour of a Fish Hatchery and Natural Resource Center in the Lac du Flambeau. The day wrapped up with a tour of the Waaswaaganing Indian Village where campers learned about the history, tradition and culture of the Ojibwe. That evening campers received a hands-on lesson on the insect group *Odonata* (dragonflies and damselflies), and



ended the evening watching the movie *Plastic Ocean*. The final day of camp wrapped up with a bike trip, a canoe trip down the upper Manitowish River, tie-dying a camp tee-shirt, singing camp songs, conservation chats around the campfire, and early-morning fishing for the early risers.



Camp was filled with lots of outdoor activities, learning about conservation stewardship, journaling and making new friends. A special thanks to Iron, Shawano and Langlade County Land and Water Conservation departments that provided scholarships for our campers, all of the resource professionals who spent time talking about their conservation projects and jobs and to our camp counselors from Iron, Shawano and Wood counties who put a lot of time into developing a fun week of conservation activities. Best of luck to our graduates and we hope to see many of you back again next year. Thanks for a great week up North!



Please like our new Facebook page where you can view more camp photos, **WI Land+Water Youth Education**, or visit <https://wisconsinlandwater.org/events/youth-conservation-camps>.

More photos from Sand Lake Conservation Camp 2018



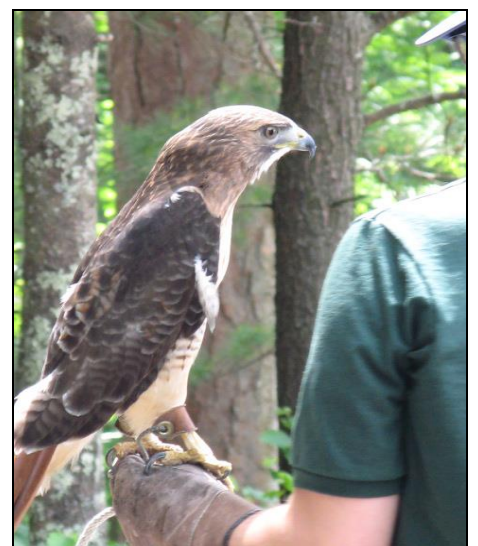
An Eastern Screech Owl, visiting with the Raptor Education Group from Antigo



Campers with Ivan, a horse with the Bay Area Mounted Search and Rescue volunteers



Making sachets with scented plants like lavender, sage, balsam fir, and spruce



A red-tailed hawk from the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary



Cuddling with the DNR's bobcat specimen





Area Farmers' & Flea Markets



Crivitz Flea & Farmers' Market: Open every Thursday from May 24 through August 30, 8am-4pm across from St. Mary's Catholic Church at 800 Henriette Avenue. Wide variety of vendors with handmade arts & crafts, antiques, collectables and much more! Contact Barbara Uhl at 715-854-2030 to rent space by day or season up to first market date. Bonus Flea Market – July 4, 8am – 4pm.

"OUT TO LUNCH" event at the Marinette Welcome Center parking lot with the "Tasty Traveler Food Truck", coffee vendors, honey vendor, pizza crafters, & produce vendors are welcome. Entertainment provided by the Goodfellas, local musical group, and Anita Neog Anaam, Kathak dancing performer. NO FEE to participate. Hours are 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., weather and attendance permitting. Contact Melissa Ebsch at Marinette City Hall, 715-938-2471.



Menominee County Farm & Food Exchange: Saturdays 9 am-noon outside by the Jack's Fresh Market grocery store at 1207 8th Ave., Menominee MI (just over Interstate Bridge to the right). On Facebook or call 906-639-3377.

Menominee Historic Downtown Farmers Market: June 2 to September 29, Wednesdays 3pm to 6pm Saturdays 8am-noon. Located at 800 1st Street (near the library) in Menominee, MI. Contact Lucy Pier, 906-863-8718 for more information. Online at www.menomineefarmersmarket.com.



Northwoods Journal Online

Would you like to read current issues of the *Northwoods Journal* online? Go to www.marinettecounty.com and search for "Northwoods Journal". We can also send you an e-mail reminder when each new issue is posted online. Contact Anne Bartels, Information & Education Specialist at 715-732-7784 or email abartels@marinettecounty.com.

Visit Marinette County Parks this Summer!

<https://www.marinettecounty.com/departments/parks/general-information>



Waterfalls at Dave's Falls County Park

Marinette County operates 22 county park properties: 11 scenic "large parks" with 6 of them offering well-kept, beautifully wooded campgrounds, 4 small day use/wayside parks, 6 boat landings, and a youth camp. Come hike, picnic, whitewater raft, fish, or just relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery.

Annual Park Stickers

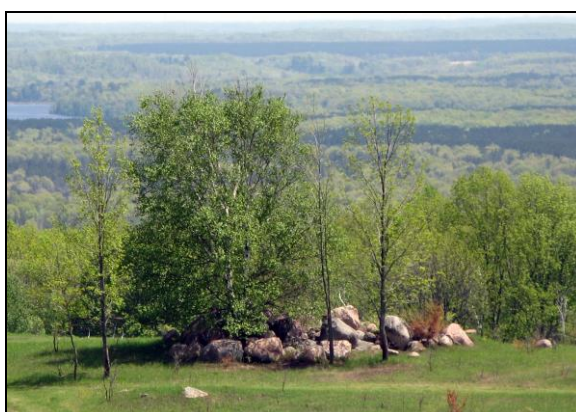
Annual parks stickers are available for sale for \$20.00. Marinette County residents should contact the Parks Office to receive information on receiving second sticker for free for a second vehicle when purchasing a sticker for the first vehicle (you must present both vehicle registrations at time of purchase). Vehicles must be registered to Marinette County with the same address. Discounted annual park stickers are available for Senior Citizens & Veterans at 1/2 price - \$10.00 Please present ID and proof of military service.

Camping

Camping is available on a first come, first served basis at all Marinette County campgrounds. Reservable campsites are available at Morgan Park and Twin Bridges Park.



Above – cooking foil packs for dinner; Below – McClintock rustic park campsite; this park allows direct ATV trail access



View from atop Thunder Mountain Overlook day use area

Large, enclosed log lodges for day use rental are available at Lake Noquebay, Morgan and Goodman Parks. Menominee River Park has a smaller, open-sided shelter available for day use rental. Goodman Park also has a cabin available for overnight rental.

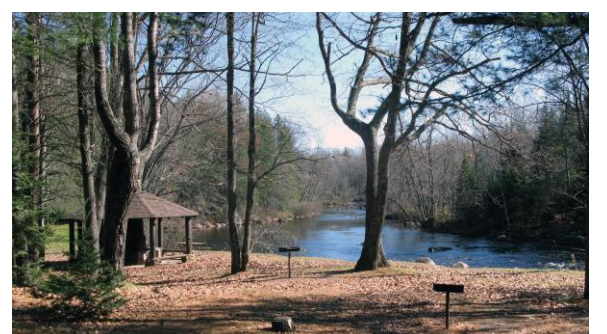
To make a reservation for the reservable campgrounds or the above lodges/shelters, visit <http://www.marinettecounty.com/parks/>.



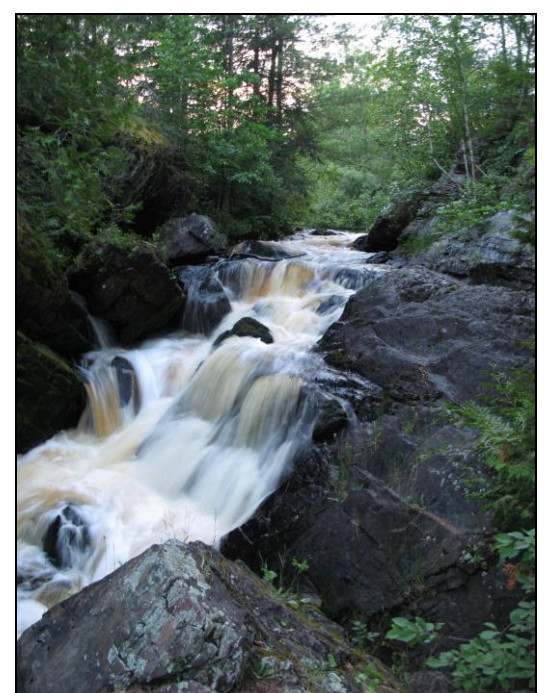
Lodge at Morgan Park



Lodge at Goodman Park



Goodman Park Day use area



Long Slide Falls

For full descriptions of the campgrounds & fees, parks, amenities, maps, directions, etc. visit <https://www.marinettecounty.com/departments/parks/general-information/county-parks-and-campgrounds/> or call the Parks Office at 715-732-7530. The office address is 501 Pine Street, Peshtigo WI 54157. Office hours are Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

See page 6 for the history of the Marinette County Park System



5 Ways to Get Kids into Nature

From <https://www.outsideonline.com>



"Children in nature are an endangered species," Richard Louv told his audience during a speaking event in 2016 in Santa Fe. A decade ago, the award-winning journalist-cum-parenting guru coined the term "nature-deficit disorder" in his bestselling book, *Last Child in the Woods*, and the phrase launched an eco-minded revolution in parenting. Louv, founder of the Children and Nature Network, has since been its tireless advocate of getting kids outdoors, and he was in town to promote his newest book, *Vitamin N: The Essential Guide to a Nature-Rich Life*.

Louv has spent most of the past decade traveling the country and promoting his brand of nature parenting, and says kids not getting enough time outside. As a result, he says, we're seeing increasing rates of childhood obesity, anxiety, depression, attention disorders, vitamin D deficiencies - the list goes on. But here's the good news: it's never too late to improve. No act is too small. And each and every single child and family can make a difference.

That's the crux of *Vitamin N*, a cheerfully pragmatic, can-do manual on parenting. Louv offers 500 simple, creative strategies for getting kids outdoors and creating a lasting connection with the natural world. It's no longer enough to strive for a sustainable future for our children and their children, he argues. We must create a nature-filled world, starting now - in our families, neighborhoods, and communities. Here are just a few of the many easy, everyday ways to bring our kids back from the brink.



1. Teach Hope

"Our culture is addicted to oil and despair," said Louv. "Chances are, when you think of the future, you imagine negative post-apocalyptic images, like *Bladerunner* or *Mad Max*." But how can our children believe hope is possible if we don't adjust our mental pictures and reimagine a brighter future? This takes practice and vigilance. Instead of bemoaning how much better things were when you were young, brainstorm solutions for how you and your family might be part of the solution. Start commuting to school by bike. Encourage your town or city to become the best city for families in nature.

Change the conversation to the many positive developments that have come out of the environmental movement: clean air, clean water, new wildlands, like the three national monuments in California that President Obama created in 2016. Instill in your children the philosophy that change is possible if we work together to create the world we want to live in.

2. Embrace Nature Wherever You Are

You don't have to live in rural areas with access to trails and mountains to cultivate a lifelong connection with the natural world. Bring nature home by creating a "world-watching window" in your living room or kitchen, or any room with a view. Stock it with a nature notebook, stargazing guides and a bird identification book, a cheap pair of binoculars or an affordable beginner's telescope. Watch the sky and learn "cloud-spotting" and what kind of weather different types of clouds bring; keep tabs on lengthening days and budding trees and other changes to the natural cityscape outside.

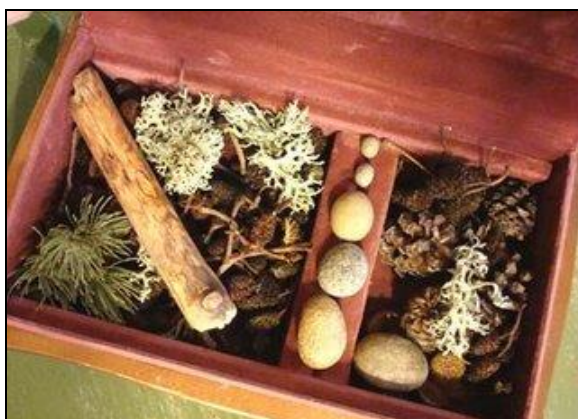


In nice weather, pitch a tent or set up a mattress on your rooftop or backyard. Bivouac NY provides New Yorkers with urban camping and communal meals in tents and lean-tos on rooftops across Brooklyn. To find the wildest parts of your neighborhood park or playground, prowl the perimeters, where the turf or blacktop ends and the rocks and weeds begin.



3. Become a Weather Warrior

As a culture, we are plagued with a "pandemic of inactivity," says Louv, who argues that rain, sleet, heat, or snow is no reason to stay inside. Show your kids how to tap into the beauty of all the seasons. In winter, freeze sheets of black construction paper and use them to catch and examine falling snowflakes (they won't melt on contact) with a small magnifier. Keep an "instant snowman" kit at the ready: rocks or black buttons for eyes; hats and scarves; a carrot nose; twig arms. When spring rains come, make a rain-gauge, and in summer, plan family picnics in the park. In fall, hunt and gather leaves, acorns, seed pods, and other collections in a clear, glass "wonder bowl" (or box) on the kitchen counter.



4. Expand Perimeters

As children grow, their geographic boundaries will expand naturally. It's our job as parents to allow this to happen. Keep little ones close at hand or within view outside but as they grow, encourage them to develop their own relationship with nature, whether it's through finding their own contemplative "sit-spot" to quietly observe the plant and animal life and weather or, as they reach middle school and high school, exploring the neighborhood by bike,

Fight the Bite! DHS Encourages Residents to Take Action to Prevent Tick and Mosquito Bites



While many Wisconsin residents are more than ready to take advantage of the warmer weather and enjoy all the resources the state has to offer, the Department of Health Services (DHS) strongly encourages everyone to take care to avoid tick and mosquito bites.

Both ticks and mosquitoes can transmit various illnesses. Lyme disease, which is spread by ticks, and West Nile virus, which is transmitted by mosquitoes, account for most of the disease spread by ticks and mosquitoes in Wisconsin.

A recent report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) shows Wisconsin among the top 20% of the states reporting cases of tick-borne disease in the country. Wisconsin reported 4,299 cases of Lyme disease in 2017, the highest number reported in our state to date.

In addition, there were 51 human cases of West Nile virus reported in 2017, the highest number in Wisconsin since 2012. Certain dead birds can be an indication of West Nile virus in an area. Anyone who finds a sick or dead blue jay, raven, or crow is encouraged to call the Marinette County Public Health Department at 715-732-7670.

Many people consider ticks and mosquitoes to be an annoyance when they're enjoying outdoor activities; however, both can make people sick. Yet, if people take simple precautions, they can enjoy the outdoors while avoiding serious illness.



Here are some tips to protect you from illnesses spread by mosquitoes and ticks:

- Use EPA-approved repellent and apply according to label instructions.
- Wear light colored long-sleeve shirts and long pants.
- Use permethrin-treated clothing and gear.
- Take steps to control ticks on pets.
- Check for and safely remove ticks from family and pets.
- Take steps to control mosquitoes outside your home.



Above information from:

<https://www.antigotimes.com/2018/06/13/fig-ht-the-bite-dhs-encourages-residents-to-take-action-to-prevent-tick-and-mosquito-bites>

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Ten Reasons to Ditch Your Lawn and Garden Chemicals

<http://www.organiclandcare.net/green-room/olc-articles/ten-reasons-ditch-your-lawn-and-garden-chemicals>

Adapted from a factsheet by the Organic Landscape Alliance, Toronto, Canada, <http://www.organiclandscape.org>



Lawn chemicals are unnecessary.

Historically, organic lawn care has been practiced for much longer than chemical lawn care and it can easily be implemented on any lawn. Safe and effective alternatives exist for most chemical pesticides and fertilizers. There is no need to expose our families, communities and local wildlife to chemicals that are known or potential hazards.

Chemical pesticides and fertilizers contaminate surface and groundwater.

Lawn pesticides and fertilizers can contaminate surface and groundwater. This diminishes the quality of our drinking water as well as the quality of aquatic habitats and health of aquatic life forms. Many fish and aquatic insect species are highly sensitive to fertilizers and pesticides.

Chemical pesticides threaten the health of children & outdoor pets.

Children are the most vulnerable segment of our population due to their small size and their underdeveloped physiology. Children are also often the most exposed to pesticides due to their behavior (putting contaminated grass, soil and toys into mouth, breathing close to the ground). Increased exposure puts children at an unacceptably high risk from lawn pesticides. Outdoor pets are highly exposed to lawn chemicals due to their behavior (licking contaminated paws and coat, breathing close to the ground, eating contaminated grass, soil and toys) and are highly vulnerable due to their small size.



Chemical pesticides threaten the health & habitat of local wildlife.

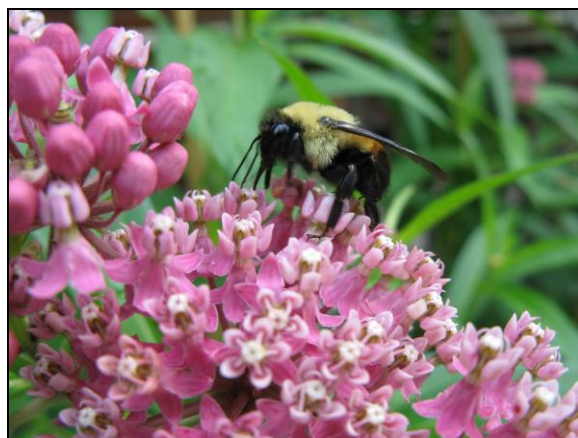
Turf-dwelling and feeding species such as the American robin, Canada goose, American widgeon, European starling, raccoons and squirrels are highly exposed to lawn chemicals. Granular formulations pesticides can severely impact birds that mistake the granules for seed or other food items. Beneficial insects like bees & butterflies are harmed by liquid chemical residues on flowers, plants, and in the soil. Amphibians and other aquatic life are very susceptible to residues that may runoff into nearby waterways.

Chemical pesticides and fertilizers reduce the activity of beneficial organisms.

Healthy soil is alive with a variety of beneficial organisms that actually kill pest insects, decrease the spread of disease and help plants gather nutrients and water. For example, earthworms improve air and water circulation, decompose thatch, deposit nutrient-rich castings and help to neutralize soil (plants prefer this pH). Many of these beneficial organisms are highly exposed and highly sensitive to lawn chemicals. Pesticides and fertilizers reduce their activity levels, thereby reducing a lawn's natural ability to control pests and diseases, gather nutrients and water and maintain overall health.

Local wildlife need safe places to live.

As more and more suburbs encroach upon natural habitats, wildlife are forced to flee or adapt to less ideal, often crowded habitats ripe with potential dangers. Exposure to lawn chemicals is one such danger. Direct exposure to these pesticides and fertilizers is dangerous, as are the effects of chemical use including decreased shelter and food opportunities. We can make our cities and towns more habitable for local wildlife by avoiding lawn and garden chemicals. You may even consider naturalizing a section of your yard to provide a greater diversity of shelter and food types.



Chemical fertilizers are a waste of money.

Chemical fertilizers usually contain three macronutrients - phosphorus, potassium and nitrogen. They lack other macro as well as micronutrients and include no organic matter or microbes. In contrast, finished compost from your backyard bin is an organic and natural soil amendment that provides a more complete package of nutrients, organic matter and microbes. Finished compost is a free resource that also constitutes sustainable waste management, extending the lifespan of local dumps and landfills.

Chemical pesticides have the potential to cause damage throughout their lifecycles.

All stages of a pesticide's lifecycle - production, transport, storage, use and disposal - have the potential to degrade environmental and human health. Explosions, spills and volatilization may occur in manufacturing plants, storage facilities and enroute, exposing potentially huge numbers of non-target organisms to pesticides. Disposal is an expensive and controversial proposition as people campaign to keep stockpiles out of their communities.

Chemicals actually degrade the over-all long-term health of your lawn and garden.

Chemical lawn care is the wrong approach. By frequently applying pesticides to your lawn, you may create a chemical-dependent landscape. As pest species become resistant to the chemicals designed to kill them, more concentrated doses and frequent applications are required and a never-ending cycle of increasing pest resistance and pesticide use is established. When this happens, your lawn's health is spiraling downhill.

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meeting friends for nature walks, or starting a hiking club.



5. Join Forces

Children need unscheduled, self-directed free play, said Louv, but it's been in steep decline for decades, steadily eroding kids' natural creativity and self-reliance. "We've stripped away two years of executive function in kids," said Louv, who explained that it terms of practical, independent skills, a seven-year-old today is comparable to a five-year-old in 1940. This is in part because, Louv continued, "we live in a time that appears to be violent. Even though statistically crimes against children have decreased, it feels violent." To ease your mind about letting kids out to play on their own, create a safety net with friends and nearby parents.



Alert your neighbors about your kids' boundaries, writes Louv, "and ask them to call you if they see your child misbehaving or going beyond the boundary." For younger children, set up a "play watch" with other parents to take turns watching kids play from "a respectable distance - no hovering allowed!" Create a rotating calendar and a communication plan with the kids' names, phone numbers, and play schedules. **It takes a village to create nature-rich lives for our children.**

- www.childrenandnature.org
- <https://outdoorsallianceforkids.org>
- <https://www.nwf.org/Home/Kids-and-Family/Connecting-Kids-and-Nature>
- <https://www.fs.fed.us/learn/kids>

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The *Northwoods Journal* focuses on various outdoor recreation opportunities and local environmental topics to inform readers about natural resource use, management, and recreation in Marinette County.

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A History of Marinette County Parks

<https://www.marinettecounty.com/departments/parks/general-information/history-of-marinette-county-parks/> and <https://www.marinettecounty.com/departments/parks/camp-bird/history-of-camp-bird/>

Marinette County Parks were, for the most part, developed individually by various groups in each town. The County, over a period of time, gathered these individual parks into an integrated Parks system.

Below is a short description of each park property located on Marinette County Forest Lands:

GOODMAN PARK – In 1936, work was started by CCC Camp Dunbar on the development of Strong Falls on the Peshtigo River as a demonstration of the recreational use of county forest lands. This area was established by County Board Resolution #53 on September 23, 1936. On September 12, 1938, by Board Resolution #36, was named Goodman Park in honor of Robert B. Goodman of Marinette, prominent lumberman and conservationist, who had done so much for Marinette County in the early days of land-use and forestry studies. Goodman Park was dedicated with a suitable program on September 25, 1938. Over 500 people attended the dedication.



Goodman Park is situated on one of the most beautiful spots of the Peshtigo River at Strong Falls. It was acquired by Marinette County on a land exchange with the Goodman Lumber Company.

The Dunbar CCC boys built a large log shelter with a fireplace in both ends, and a shelter house for small groups of people. A caretaker's cabin, garage and workshop also were built. The entire area was landscaped, and other facilities required for a park area were constructed. Each year the park is visited by thousands of people, ranging from those who use the buildings to those fishing and hunting in the surrounding area to those who limit their activities to a simple picnic in the midst of beautiful scenery.

MCCLINTOCK PARK – The park lands were purchased from Eleanor McClintock in 1936. McClintock Park is the “bridge park”. Four laminated, wood bridges are located over rapids in the upper Peshtigo River in northwestern Marinette County (below). It is a beautiful place to take pictures and have a picnic. Camping with direct access to the ATV trail is also available.



MORGAN PARK – In 1958, Marinette County accepted responsibility for developing the park from local youth and civic groups. The park was named after James C. Morgan, a County Board Member who was particularly active in establishing the Marinette County Forest. Morgan Park is located on Timm's Lake, six miles east of Pembine.

TWELVE FOOT FALLS PARK – This park was built in 1956 and 1957 in the center of the County's largest forest plantation. The construction work was done by the Marinette County Forestry Depart-



ment. Old time river drivers, who helped move the pine timber logged in the area named the falls by the distance the river dropped over the rock edge (above). Rustic camping sites are located near the reflecting pool of the falls.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK – This park was developed by the American Legion and other civic organizations. Located on Parkway Road in the Town of Stephenson, it features a footbridge over a waterfall. The reflecting pool at the bottom of the falls often plays host to local trout fisherman. Rustic camping and a large day-use area are also available.

CAMP BIRD YOUTH CENTER – Camp Bird was established by the Marinette County Board in 1939. It was built by the WPA from 1940-1942. The camp features log cabin style, “resort-type” accommodations. It features several 325-year-old plus red pines and a beautiful sand beach on Sand Lake. The camp is used by the 4-H, church groups, school groups, Scouts, service agencies, and many others. The camp has introduced many non-county residents to Marinette County. Local young people benefit through recreation and environmental education programs offered at the youth camp.



The Sand Lake area was owned by Isaac Stephenson from 1875 to 1920. He used the site as a private hunting and fishing camp - the hunting cabin was on the site of the present dining hall (below). In 1920 the land was sold to the Skidmore Land Company. In 1929 Marinette County became the owner of Sand Lake for \$82.75 in unpaid back taxes.

In 1936, after the tax title matured, three people encouraged the development of a youth camp at Sand Lake. They were L. E. Ness, Chairman of Marinette County Board; Dr. Maurice Bird, County Health Officer; and Mr. Charles Drewry, County Agriculture Agent for the University of Wisconsin Extension. On May 3, 1939 a resolution was brought before the County Board and was approved to make Sand Lake into a youth camp. The plans were drawn up and submitted, and the camp was built as a Federal Works Administration (WPA) Project. The final plan was developed in 1940 by John Saemann, Assistant County Extension Agent and given to the WPA. The construction of the camp was started by the WPA and finished by the Marinette County Forestry crew in 1942. On May 5, 1942, a County Board Resolution named the camp as Maurice D. Bird



What's New at the Harmony Arboretum?

There have been some changes at the Harmony Arboretum this spring and summer! The shade house was rebuilt last fall and is being refilled with plants, paving stones, and a new seating area.



Thanks to an Eagle Scout project, Harmony Arboretum now has several boot-cleaning stations to help prevent the spread of invasive species like garlic mustard and white/yellow sweet clover. There is one near the pavilion, one at the Prairie Trail entrance, and one near the entrance to the Harmony Hardwoods hiking trails.



The Children's Learning Garden donor plaque thanks the people and organizations that contributed time, funding, and hard work to help create it for the public.



Youth Center for the doctor who was instrumental in the camp's conception. Camp Bird opened in 1943. In 2006, Camp Bird was opened up to adult groups such as family reunions, weddings, and retreat/corporate groups. Camp Bird is available for rentals from the first week of April through the end of November. For reservations or further information regarding Camp Bird, please contact the Marinette County Parks Office at 715-732-7530.



Safe Burning – Burn Responsibly or Don't Burn At All!

From <http://dnr.wi.gov>

Debris burning is the number one cause of wildfires in Wisconsin. Using fire as a method to dispose of vegetative yard waste isn't the only option. While debris burning is legal in most places, let's face it...it's unsafe, unhealthy and a nuisance. If you choose to burn, follow these simple guidelines to ensure you are burning **SAFELY**:

Before Burning:

- Find alternatives to burning debris *before* deciding to burn
- Obtain proper burn permits and follow any restrictions
- Comply with local ordinances that may be more restrictive than state law
- Make certain you are only burning legal materials (*turn over for a complete list*)
- Keep an eye on the weather and avoid burning under windy conditions
- Make certain the area adjacent to the fire is free of all flammables

During Burning:

- Have a water source and firefighting tools handy
- Keep the size of the fire small and manageable
- Maintain a mineral soil firebreak around the burn area
- Never leave your fire unattended
- If weather conditions change for the worst, put the fire out. If your fire escapes, dial 911 immediately!

After Burning:

- Make sure the burn is completely out before leaving
- Use lots of water, drown, stir and repeat until cold
- Go back and check again later for any remaining smoke or embers
- Fun fact: use cold ashes from your burn as a bed for your garden. It makes a great fertilizer!

What can I burn with my DNR burning permit?

Allowed:

Brush, Leaves, Pine needles, Grass, Clean wood, Unrecyclable paper*, Unrecyclable cardboard*

* Recycling of clean paper and cardboard is required by law!

NOT Allowed:

Garbage, Plastics, Shingles, Foam, Structures, Furniture, Wire, Metal, Electronics, Vinyl products, Rubber products, Oil-based products, Painted, Stained or treated wood

Alternatives to Burning

REUSE - Find someone else who can use it, have a yard sale or donate. Bring reusable shopping bags to the grocery store. Leave grass clippings on the lawn; they contain nutrients.

RECYCLE - Separate newspaper, magazines, cardboard, paper, glass, plastic and aluminum, steel or tin cans.



DISPOSE - Discard non-recyclable waste materials at a licensed landfill.

COMPOST - Mulch or collect leaves and plant clippings for composting or move brush piles in the woods for wildlife habitat.

CHIP - Collect brush and clean wood to make mulch or decorative chips, or use as heating fuel in fireplaces.

WAIT - Avoid burning in the spring. The safest time to burn is when the ground is completely snow-covered. Throw a tarp over legal materials and wait until it snows.

For a DNR burn permit or to check today's burning restrictions:

dnr.wi.gov (keyword "fire")
1-888-wis-burn (947-2876)

It's Time for the 2018 Marinette County Fair!

www.marinettecountyfair.com/ and www.facebook.com/MarinetteCountyFair



Come visit the Marinette County Fair from August 23-26 in Wausaukee!

Gate Prices:

Youth fair family passes must be purchased by Thursday, August 2nd from the 4-H Leaders Association designated person. Only immediate family members, living in the same household may be included. Advance season tickets may also be purchased. Contact the UW-Extension Office for more information.

- \$5 per day or \$15 for a weekend pass (Advance Weekend Passes are \$12.00)
- \$2 Admission for the day on Sunday August 26th (Family Day)

Carnival Wristband Costs (Updated):

- \$15.00 each on Thursday & Friday from 2:00pm until 5:00pm.
- \$20.00 each on Thursday & Friday from 6:00pm until 10:00pm
- \$20.00 each on Sunday from Noon until 4:00pm



Season passes can be purchased in advance for \$12.00 at:

- Witt's Piggly Wiggly - Crivitz
- Associated Bank - Coleman
- Sal's - Wausaukee
- Wausaukee, Marinette, & Menominee Chambers of Commerce
- Lee's Family Foods - Peshtigo
- From any Fair Board member

Children 5 & under are free

Parking:

\$1.00 - Parking is available directly east of the fairgrounds. General admission parking will not be allowed on the fairgrounds. Parking behind the main exhibit building will be for authorized vehicles only.



Grandstand:

- Thursday and Friday night events are \$5 for 6 years of age and over.
- Saturday events are \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids 6-12.
- Sunday events are \$5 for 6 years of age and over.
- The Horse Pull Sunday morning is free (donations accepted).



Let's all use less plastic and recycle the plastics we do use!

From <https://lessplastic.co.uk>

9 TIPS FOR LIVING WITH LESS PLASTIC

- 1 Bring your own shopping bag
- 2 Carry a reusable water bottle
- 3 Bring your own cup
- 4 Pack your lunch in reusable containers
- 5 Say no to disposable straws & cutlery
- 6 Skip the plastic produce bags
- 7 Slow down and dine in
- 8 Store leftovers in glass jars
- 9 Share these tips with your friends

LESS PLASTIC. WWW.LESSPLASTIC.CO.UK

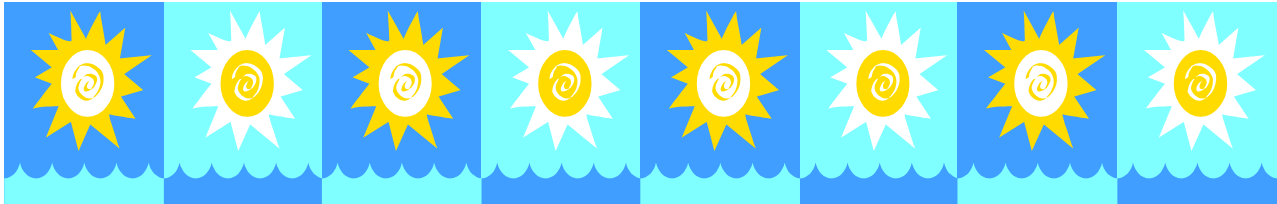
9 REASONS TO REFUSE SINGLE-USE PLASTIC

- 1 Made from fossil fuels
- 2 Huge carbon footprint
- 3 Will still be here in hundreds of years
- 4 Only a tiny percentage is recycled
- 5 Leaches toxins into food & drink
- 6 Causes hormone disruption & cancers
- 7 Pollutes our oceans
- 8 Kills marine animals and birds
- 9 Enters our food chain

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Area Events Calendar



- May 29

AREA MUSEUMS OPEN. Marinette & Menominee County Historical Museums, Peshtigo Fire Museum, Amberg Historical Complex, Busville Doll Museum (Crivitz), Land of Oz Museum (Wausaukee) & West Shore Fishing Museum (M-35 north of Menominee, MI). Visit <http://therealnorth.com/index.php/features/museums> or call the Marinette/Menominee Area Chamber of Commerce at (715) 735-6681.
- May-August

CRIVITZ FLEA & FARMERS MARKET, every Thursday from May 24, 2018 through August 30, 2018, 8am-4pm across from the St. Mary’s Catholic Church at 800 Henriette Avenue. Wide variety of vendors with handmade arts & crafts, antiques, collectables and much more! Contact Barbara Uhl at 715-854-2030 to rent space by day or season up to first market date.
- June-October

OUT TO LUNCH. Held every Thursday at the Marinette Welcome Center parking lot with the “Tasty Traveler Food Truck, coffee vendors, honey vendor, pizza (Howie’s) crafters, and produce vendors are welcome. Entertainment is provided by Goodfellas - a local musical group, and Anindita Neog Anaam, Kathak dancing performer. NO FEE to participate. Hours are 11:00 am to 2:00 pm or weather and attendance permitting. For further information, contact Melissa Ebsch @ Marinette City Hall 715-938-2471.
- June-Sept.

FORGOTTEN FIRE WINERY OUTDOOR CONCERTS Join the fun every Saturday in June, July, August and September for the outdoor concerts. Music starts at Noon and ends at 4 pm. No carry-ins please. Visit www.forgottenfirewinery.com/events for a full listing of artists performing during the 2018 season. In Peshtigo
- August 2-5

36TH ANNUAL WATERFRONT FESTIVAL at Menominee Marina Park. Thursday: children’s parade, food booths open at 4pm, children’s activities, fire house safety tours, and music 4pm & 7pm. Friday: brats for breakfast, food booths open at 4pm, children’s activities, water ball contest, sailboat race and music 4pm & 7pm. Saturday: 5k run & 5k walk, YMCA fitness demonstrations, M&M Amateur Radio Club, food booths open at 11am, children’s activities, kayaking demonstrations, music 2:30pm & 5:15pm, and fireworks (9:30pm). Sunday: food booths open at 11am, parade at noon, Drum & Bugle Corp. performance 2-7pm. For more information call 906-863-2656 or visit www.menomineewaterfrontfestival.com.
- August 7

CONCERTS IN THE PARK – Marinette. 6:30pm, Stephenson Island at Chamber of Commerce Performance Center, Highway 41-Interstate Bridge, Marinette, WI. “The Phil Lynch Quartet”. Concerts are presented by Marinette Menominee Area Chamber of Commerce.
- August 8

BANDS AT BADGER PARK in Peshtigo - “Music Jar”. **FREE** musical entertainment, starts at 6:00 pm. Concerts held Wednesday evenings with concessions available at 5:30 pm. Call 715-582-1141 for more information.
- August 10

ANNUAL KIDS DAY. FREE activities for kids around town at these locations and more from 8am to 10pm: Abundant Joy Gifts & Gathering Place, Civic Center, City Hall, Community REC Center, Dome Lanes, Marinette Fire House, Stephenson Public Library, Sunrise Early Learning Center, Bayshore Nature Trail, City Park, Red Arrow Park, & Stephenson Island. More information call 715-732-5222.
- August 10

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT – SHERLOCK GNOMES. FREE. Join us for a Kids' Day Party on the Island beginning at 7pm with the movie to follow -- all apart of Kids' Day in Marinette!
- August 11

ANNUAL M&M ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB SHOW. Held by the Marinette and Menominee Auto Club at Menominee’s Historic Waterfront, next to the band shell and Marina Beach, with registration from 8 to 11 a.m. Public viewing is free but a \$5 fee to enter the show vehicle gate access to the grounds. Dash plaques will be given to the first 150 vehicles registered. There will be a silent auction with vehicle related items open to all, located by the registration table, which will benefit the club’s vehicle related College Scholarship program and a small auto swap space set up on the south side of the grounds. Russes golden oldies with DJ will be from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There will be more than 79 trophies, in 21 auto and four cycle classes, awarded. Best of Show in both cycle and auto will also be awarded. For more information, persons may call William Chartrand, Show Chairman at 715-582-0347.
- August 13 – 17

COLLEGE 4 KIDS - HANDS-ON FUN WEEK. Held by the Marinette Continuing Education Department at the UW-Marinette campus Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students will learn the basics of American Sign Language, including introductions, fingerspelling, feelings, and much more. Our robotics portion of the week will introduce students to skills such as sketching, measurements, teamwork, problem-solving, reading diagrams, meeting criteria, and other skills needed to be successful in STEM careers. This will be accomplished by class discussion, and projects using everyday objects and some not so everyday objects. Students will also be introduced to robots used in competitions and underwater robots (ROVs), Raspberry Pi’s, Arduinos, and other technology. Participants will then be able to go outdoors and learn new sports such as Two-hand Touch Rugby, Ultimate Frisbee, Kubb, and Netball. The cost is \$140 and includes necessary materials, breakfast, lunch, and a T-shirt. For more information and to register, persons may visit the website at www.marinette.edu/ce or call 715-504-3303.
- August 16

CONCERTS IN THE PARK. Great Lakes Memorial Marina in Menominee, MI, 6:30 – 8:30pm - The event is free of charge. Community Jazz Ensemble will be playing. For more information, please call the Marinette/Menominee Area Chamber of Commerce (MMCC) at (715) 735-6681.
- August 22

BANDS AT BADGER. Badger Park in Peshtigo. “Daze 2 Nights”. **FREE** musical entertainment, 6:30-8:30pm. Concerts held Wednesday evenings with concessions available at 5:30pm. Call 715-582-1141 for more information.
- August 23-26

MARINETTE COUNTY FAIR at the Wausaukee Fairgrounds. *See page 7 for more information.*
- Aug. 30-Sept. 2

“THE WALL THAT HEALS” AT CRIVITZ COMMUNITY VETERANS PARK. The Wall will be open 24 hours and is free to the public. Ceremonies will be held and keynote speakers will be sharing throughout the course of the Wall’s visit.

Harmony Arboretum Schedule of Events

All programs are free and at Harmony Arboretum unless otherwise stated. For more information, call UW-Extension at 715-732-7510 or Land & Water Conservation at 715-732-7780.



August 4: Art in the Garden, 9:00 am - Noon
Enjoy a morning at Harmony creating unique arts and crafts for your home and garden. Join Master Gardener Volunteers and partake in the make-it and take-it table, tours, workshops for adults and youth, and an up-cycled yard and garden art contest. Registration required - forms at the UWEX office, web page, or NLMGA Facebook page.

August 15: Prairie Walk, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Stroll the 17-acre prairie at Harmony Arboretum with local native plant enthusiasts. Spend an evening learning what constitutes a prairie and why people are creating or restoring them.



August 30: Victory Gardens: Yesterday and Today, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Join us at Harmony’s own Victory Garden, a recreation of a WWI era War Garden. Learn about the history of such gardens, how they were this nation’s first local food movement, and how they contributed to the defense of the nation. We’ll discuss vegetable varieties, planning for maximum production, preserving the harvest, and the government’s contribution to the education of the nation. We’ll also discuss how the Victory Garden concept and techniques can be applied today.

